

PREFACE.

Believing that there is room for a book on hernia which presents only the purely surgical phase of the subject, the author has prepared this work. All discussion of etiology, symptoms, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment other than surgical has been omitted (because this can be found in all text-books on surgery), and there has been gathered together here the results of twenty years of active work in surgery. These years have been of great value to the experience of the author, and in the hope that others may derive some small benefit therefrom he has set forth the following pages. He bespeaks for this work the kindly consideration which his previous writings have received at the hands of an indulgent profession.

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